

**Board of Forestry and Fire Protection**

**Notice of Proposed Emergency Action, pursuant to GOV § 11346.1(b)**

**“SRA Fire Prevention Fee Exemption (Self-Certification of Home Loss), 2015”**

**Notice Date: December 12, 2014**

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (hereafter “Board”) has adopted an emergency regulation to provide an exemption from the Fire Prevention Fee for an Owner of a Habitable Structure if it is deemed uninhabitable as a result of natural disaster. This action is being taken in accordance with GOV §§ 11346.1, 11346.5 (2)-(6) and 11349.6. The Board adopted the emergency regulation at their regularly scheduled meeting of December 10th, 2014. This regulation will be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law on **December 19th, 2014**.

If you wish to comment on the adopted emergency regulations, you must submit the comment directly to the Office of Administrative Law (hereafter “OAL”) within five **calendar** days of OAL’s posting of the proposed emergency regulations on the OAL web site. You may submit comments on the adopted emergency regulations to:

**Mail:**

OAL Reference Attorney  
300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1250  
Sacramento, California 95814

**Fax:**

(916) 323-6826

**E-mail:**

[staff@oal.ca.gov](mailto:staff@oal.ca.gov).

OAL will accept all comments submitted by the specified deadline.

When you submit a comment to OAL, you must also submit a copy of your comment to the rulemaking agency’s specified contact person provided below.

**Mail:**

Thembi Borrás  
Regulations Coordinator  
Board of Forestry and Fire Protection  
P.O. Box 944246  
Sacramento, CA 944244-2460

**Fax:**

(916) 653-0989

**E-mail:**

[public.comments@BOF.ca.gov](mailto:public.comments@BOF.ca.gov)

This regulation will be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law on December 19th, 2014.  
**The public comment period closes at 5:00 PM on December 26th, 2014.**

OAL will confirm that the agency has received the comment. Pursuant to Title 1, California Code of Regulations, Section 55(b)(1) through (4), the comment must state that it is about an emergency regulation and include the topic of the emergency.

The Board is not required and, in this instance, not likely to respond to comments submitted. However, should the Board choose to respond, it must submit its response to OAL within eight (8) **calendar** days following the date of submission of the proposed emergency regulation to OAL, unless specific exceptions are applicable. [Title 1 CCR Section 55].

Pursuant to **GOV § 11346.1(a)(2)(A)**, the specific language proposed to be adopted is provided below.

**§ 1665.7. Fee Exemptions.**

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(b) An Owner of a Habitable Structure shall be exempt from the Fee if the Habitable Structure is deemed uninhabitable as a result of natural disaster. This Fee exemption shall apply to the year for which the fee is due and one subsequent year if the Habitable Structure has not been repaired or rebuilt. The Owner of the Habitable Structure shall comply with the following conditions:

(1) The Owner of the Habitable Structure certifies that the structure is not habitable as a result of a natural disaster and

(2) The Owner of the Habitable Structure either documents that the Habitable Structure passed a defensible space inspection, conducted by the Department or one of its agents, within one (1) year of the date the structure was damaged or destroyed or certifies that clearance as required pursuant to PRC § 4291 was in place at the time that the structure was damaged or destroyed as a result of the natural disaster.

(3) The Owner of the Habitable Structure completes the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection form entitled, "REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE FIRE PREVENTION FEE DUE TO NATURAL DISASTER" (Version 1, Adopted 2014), or the form entitled, "SOLICITAR LA EXENCIÓN DE LA CUOTA DE LA PREVENCION DE INCENDIOS DEBIDO A LOS DESASTRES NATURAL" (Version 1, Adopted 2014), and the request is granted.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4111, 4212 and 4213.1, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 4117, 4125, 4127 and 4210 and 4213.1, Public Resources Code.

Pursuant to **GOV § 11346.1(b)(2)**, following is a description of the facts demonstrating the existence of an emergency and the need for immediate action, and demonstrating, by substantial evidence, the need for the proposed regulation to effectuate the statute being implemented, interpreted, or made specific and to address only the demonstrated emergency.

**Fact:** Statute PRC § 4213.1 becomes effective as of January 1, 2015.

**Fact:** Starting March 2, 2015, 10,000 bills per day will be sent to Owners of Habitable Structures.

**Fact:** Pursuant to PRC § 4213.1(a), the fire prevention fee imposed pursuant to Section 4212 shall be levied upon the owner of a Habitable Structure identified by the Department as located within the state responsibility area, if that person owns the Habitable Structure on July 1 of the year for which the fee is due.

**Fact:** On average more than 100 Habitable Structures are destroyed each year by wildfires ([http://www.fire.ca.gov/downloads/redbooks/2012Redbook/2012\\_Redbook\\_Graphics1-10.pdf](http://www.fire.ca.gov/downloads/redbooks/2012Redbook/2012_Redbook_Graphics1-10.pdf)). The legislature, in implementing the law, estimated up to 500 Habitable Structures per year are destroyed due to natural disaster.

**Fact:** Any Habitable Structure destroyed after July 1, 2014 (that meets the conditions of statute PRC § 4213.1) is eligible for exemption from the fire prevention fee.

**Fact:** To be eligible for the Fire Prevention Fee Exemption, the Owner of the Habitable Structure must certify that the structure is not habitable as a result of a natural disaster and either documents that the Habitable Structure passed a defensible space inspection conducted by the Department or by one of its agents within one year of the date the structure was damaged or destroyed or certify that clearance as required under Section 4291 was in place at the time that the structure was damaged or destroyed as a result of a natural disaster.

**Fact:** Forms, as required by PRC § 4213.1(c), have been prepared by the Board to facilitate this self-certification.

**Fact:** The timeline associated with regular rulemaking will not allow these forms to be available prior to March 2, 2015.

**Fact:** The Board was compelled to respond to the passage of this statute immediately. As soon as the law was signed on September 30, 2014, the Board, with its partners, started work on the form.

Promulgation of these regulations is immediate and necessary to assure that Owners of Habitable Structures have the ability to request Exemption from the Fire Prevention Fee, if their Habitable Structure has been destroyed by natural disaster (after July 1, 2014), to avoid having to receive a bill associated with a Habitable Structure that no longer exists.

Since the fee was enacted, Owners of Habitable Structures that have been destroyed by natural disaster have had no way to request an Exemption from the Fire Prevention Fee. Consequently, the public outcry associated with Owners of Habitable Structures receiving bills after their Habitable Structures were destroyed, especially after the Clover fire, has been significant. In response to the public's concerns, the legislature passed AB 2048 which offers a remedy to this problem and which is the basis for this proposed action. To avoid future offense and criticism and to facilitate proper accounting of Habitable Structures to be assessed, the Board is submitting this proposed action as an emergency.

Promulgation of this emergency regulation is only intended to capture the Owners of Habitable Structures that have been destroyed by natural disaster, where the condition of this rulemaking is met, that would receive a bill in 2015. Simultaneously, regular rulemaking is being developed such that permanent rules are in place prior to future billing cycles.

Regarding legislative intent, following are relevant quotes from the author:

From the 6/20/2014 Bill Analysis: According to the author, "AB 2048 will clarify certain definitions in current statute along with other clarifying changes including bringing the existing 20% penalty in line with the 10% standard penalty charged by Board of Equalization. Most importantly it will allow for a homeowner who loses their home due to a natural disaster to be able to file with the Department to be exempt from paying the fee if their home is deemed uninhabitable. This is very important not only to people in my District where there were 68+ homes lost in the Clover Fire, but to all homeowners across the state."

From 06/06/14 Bill Analysis: According to the author, this bill will clarify the statute and help homeowners seek much needed relief from the fee after a catastrophic fire or other natural disaster while posing minimal fiscal impact. CAL FIRE is in support and states that the proposed definitions of "person" and "habitable structure" will help alleviate some of the original bill's implementation issues. In addition, the bill simplifies the appeals process. It says that existing law does not exempt structures damaged or destroyed by natural disaster, even if the bill for the fee arrives months after the structure has been damaged.

Pursuant to **GOV § 11346.1(b)(2)**, following are the list of each technical, theoretical and empirical study, report, or similar document, if any, upon which the Board relied to make the "emergency" finding:

Historical Wildfire Activity Statistics (Redbooks). 2012.

[http://www.fire.ca.gov/downloads/redbooks/2012Redbook/2012\\_Redbook\\_Graphics1-10.pdf](http://www.fire.ca.gov/downloads/redbooks/2012Redbook/2012_Redbook_Graphics1-10.pdf)

Pursuant to **GOV § 11346.1(b)(2)**, following is the information required by **GOV § 11346.5(a)(2)** (the reference to the authority(s) under which the regulation is proposed and a reference(s) to the particular code sections or other provisions of law that are being implemented, interpreted, or made specific).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4111, 4212 and 4213.1, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 4117, 4125, 4127 and 4210 and 4213.1, Public Resources Code.

Pursuant to **1 CCR § 20(c)(1)**, two forms are incorporated by reference in these regulations:

1. "REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE FIRE PREVENTION FEE DUE TO NATURAL DISASTER" (Version 1, Adopted 2014)
2. "SOLICITAR LA EXENCIÓN DE LA CUOTA DE LA PREVENCIÓN DE INCENDIOS DEBIDO A LOS DESASTRES NATURAL" (Version 1, Adopted 2014),

The Board had available the entire rulemaking file, including all information considered as a basis for this proposed regulation and the forms incorporated by reference above, available for public inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at its office in Sacramento, California.

Pursuant to **GOV § 11346.1(b)(2)**, following is the information required by **GOV § 11346.5(a)(3)**

#### **INFORMATIVE DIGEST**

Pursuant to PRC § 4111, the Board shall make and enforce such regulations as are necessary and proper for the organization, maintenance, government, and direction of the fire protective system for the prevention and suppression of forest fires which is provided for in this article.

Pursuant to this statutory authority and PRC § 4210, et seq, which was enabled by Assembly Bill X1 29, the Board adopted and OAL approved, in 2012, 14 CCR §§ 1665.1-1665.8 in sequence and in accordance with the provisions of the statute.

Pursuant to PRC § 4111 and PRC § 4213.1 the proposed action of the Board is to adopt amendments to 14 CCR § 1665.7. Fee Exemptions. The effect of the proposed action is to provide Owners of Habitable Structures the ability to request Exemption from the Fire Prevention Fee, if their Habitable Structure has been destroyed by natural disaster to avoid having to receive a bill associated with a Habitable Structure that no longer exists.

The proposed action does not differ substantially from an existing comparable federal regulation or statute

The Board finds that the broad objective of the regulation is to provide temporary relief in the wake of a traumatic event, the loss of one's home. The specific benefit, all be it small in comparison to the loss, is to provide reprieve of a fee.

The proposed regulation is not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations; it amends it, providing a Fee Exemption.

**§1665.7 (b)** provides an Exemption from the Fire Prevention Fee for an Owner of a Habitable Structure if it is deemed uninhabitable as a result of natural disaster if they comply with certain conditions. It also specifies the duration and condition of the reprieve from the Fire Prevention Fee.

**§1665.7 (b)(1)** requires that the Owner of the Habitable Structure certify that the structure is not habitable as a result of a natural disaster and

**§1665.7 (b)(2)** requires that the Owner of the Habitable Structure either documents that the Habitable Structure passed a defensible space inspection, conducted by the Department or one of its agents, within one (1) year of the date the structure was damaged or destroyed or certifies that clearance as required pursuant to PRC § 4291 was in place at the time that the structure was damaged or destroyed as a result of the natural disaster.

**§ 1665.7 (b)(3)** requires that the Owner of the Habitable Structure completes the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection form entitled, "REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE FIRE PREVENTION FEE DUE TO NATURAL DISASTER" (Version 1, Adopted 2014), or the form entitled, "SOLICITAR LA EXENCIÓN DE LA CUOTA DE LA PREVENCIÓN DE INCENDIOS DEBIDO A LOS DESASTRES NATURAL" (Version 1, Adopted 2014), and the request is granted. These forms have been incorporated by reference.

Pursuant to **GOV § 11346.1(b)(2)**, following is the information required by **GOV § 1346.5(a)(4)**. There are no other matters as are prescribed by statute applicable to the specific state agency or to any specific regulation or class of regulations.

Pursuant to **GOV § 11346.1(b)(2)**, following is the information required by **GOV § 11346.5(a)(5)**. The Board finds that the proposed regulation does not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

Pursuant to **GOV § 11346.1(b)(2)**, following is the information required by **GOV § 1346.5(a)(6)**.

The costs or savings to any State agency are not expected to vary significantly from current levels pursuant to existing regulations (see fiscal effect provided below). The proposed regulation does not impose a reimbursable cost to any local agency or school district (under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500 of Division 4)). There are no other nondiscretionary costs or savings imposed on local agencies. There are no costs or savings in federal funding to the State. Following is the fiscal effect, according to the Senate Appropriations Committee from the August 19, 2014 Bill Analysis

- Unknown revenue loss (SRA Fund) due to the fee relief for natural disasters, potentially in the range of \$20,000 to \$140,000 annually. Any loss in SRA Fund that brings revenues below expenses will have to be backfilled by the General Fund (GF).
- The 2014-15 SRA fees are \$117.33 for structures within a local fire protection district and \$152.33 for structures not within a local district. Assuming between 100 and 500 structures are damaged per year for each type of structure, the revenue loss would range from \$11,733 to \$58,666 for structures within a district and \$15,233 to \$76,165 for structures outside a district.

1 **Board of Forestry and Fire Protection**

2 **“SRA Fire Prevention Fee Exemption (Self-Certification of Home Loss), 2015”**

3 **Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR):**

4 **Division 1.5, Chapter 13**

5 **Amend:**

6 **§ 1665.7. Fee Exemptions.**

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9 Structure is deemed uninhabitable as a result of natural disaster. This Fee exemption  
10 shall apply to the year for which the fee is due and one subsequent year if the Habitable  
11 Structure has not been repaired or rebuilt. The Owner of the Habitable Structure shall  
12 comply with the following conditions:

13 (1) The Owner of the Habitable Structure certifies that the structure is not  
14 habitable as a result of a natural disaster.

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16 Structure passed a defensible space inspection, conducted by the Department or one of  
17 its agents, within one (1) year of the date the structure was damaged or destroyed or  
18 certifies that clearance as required pursuant to PRC § 4291 was in place at the time that  
19 the structure was damaged or destroyed as a result of the natural disaster.

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23 form entitled, “SOLICITAR LA EXENCIÓN DE LA CUOTA DE LA PREVENCIÓN DE  
24 INCENDIOS DEBIDO A LOS DESASTRES NATURAL” (Version 1, Adopted 2014), and  
25 the request is granted.

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BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION  
**REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE  
 FIRE PREVENTION FEE  
 DUE TO NATURAL DISASTER**

BOF FORM VERSION 1, ADOPTED 2014

1. Request Date \_\_\_\_\_

This form is an application for an exemption from the Fire Prevention Fee pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC), § 4213.1

The completed form must be sent to: **Fire Prevention Fee Service Center, Attn: Exemptions, P.O. Box 2254, Suisun City, CA, 94585.** If you receive a bill for the Fire Prevention Fee, and your habitable structure is no longer habitable due to a natural disaster, please submit this form. Your request will be reviewed by CAL FIRE and the exemption granted as appropriate. You do not need to pay the fee in advance, but you are advised that if your request is denied, you may be assessed interest and possible penalties. If you are uncertain as to whether you will qualify for an exemption, you are advised to pay the fee. If the request is approved, the State Board of Equalization will refund the fee you paid. **If you have any questions about this form, please call the Fire Prevention Fee Service Center at: 1-888-310-6447**

**By signing below, you certify under penalty of perjury you are the owner of the property described in items 4 and 4a and that you have fulfilled the obligations required by PRC, § 4291 for this property as described on Page 2. Please fill out the form below completely.**

<b>2. Name of Habitable Structure Owner</b> (see next page for definition of owner)	<b>3. Phone Number</b>
<b>4. Physical Address of the property</b>	<b>4a. Parcel Number or Decal Number</b>

**5. Current Mailing Address**

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**6. Date of incident that resulted in structure damage**

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**A natural disaster is a major adverse event resulting from natural processes of the Earth**

**6a. Type of Incident (Check all that apply)**

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|----------|------------|--------------|------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Wildfire | Earthquake | Tsunami      | Tidal Wave | Flood | Hurricane | Landslide |
| Tornado  | High Winds | Severe Storm |            |       |           |           |

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description of damages** (Please describe why the structure is unsuitable for habitation, and duration of time necessary to repair)

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**8.** I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that all of the actions for compliance with PRC, § 4291 were completed around my habitable structure in the calendar year prior to \_\_\_\_\_ at which time, due to a natural disaster, my structure became uninhabitable. \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

**Under PRC, § 4211 the following definitions apply:**

“Owner of a habitable structure” means the person that is the owner of record of a habitable structure in the county tax assessor rolls or as recorded in the records of the Department of Housing and Community Development on July 1 of the state fiscal year for which the fee is due.

“Habitable Structure” means a building that contains one or more dwelling units or that can be occupied for residential use. Buildings occupied for residential use include single family homes, multi-dwelling structures, mobile and manufactured homes, and condominiums. Habitable structures do not include commercial, industrial, or incidental buildings such as detached garages, barns, outdoor sanitation facilities, and sheds.

“Person” means an individual, trust, joint stock company, business concern, or corporation, including, but not limited to, a government corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or association. “Person” also includes any city, county, city and county, district, commission, the state or any department, agency, or political subdivision thereof, any interstate body, and the United States and its agencies and instrumentalities to the extent permitted by law.

Under PRC § 4291, a person who owns a habitable structure must maintain defensible space. By signing and submitting this document, you are certifying that all of the actions below were completed within one year prior to the structure becoming uninhabitable.

**Defensible Space Zone (within 30 feet of all structures or to property line):**

- A. Remove all branches within 10 feet of any stovepipe or chimney outlet. PRC, § 4291(a)(4)
- B. Remove leaves, needles or other vegetation on roofs, gutters, decks, porches and stairways etc. PRC, § 4291(a)(6)
- C. Remove all dead or dying trees, branches, shrubs or other plants adjacent to or overhanging buildings. PRC, §4291 (a)(5)
- D. Prune lower branches of trees to a height of 6 to 15 feet (or 1/3 tree height for trees under 18 feet). PRC, § 4291(a)(1)
- E. Remove all dead or dying grass, leaves, needles or other vegetation. PRC, § 4291(a)(1)
- F. Remove or separate live flammable ground cover and shrubs. PRC, § 4291(a)(1)

**Reduced Fuel Zone (within 30 - 100 feet of all structures or to property line):**

- G. Mow dead or dying grass to a maximum of 4 inches in height. Trimmings may remain on the ground. PRC, § 4291(a)(1)
- H. Live flammable ground cover less than 18 inches in height may remain, but overhanging and adjacent trees must be pruned to a height of 6 to 15 feet. PRC, § 4291(a)(1)
- I. Reduce fuels in accordance with the Continuous Tree Canopy Standard. PRC, § 4291(a)(1)
- J. Reduce fuels in accordance with the Horizontal Spacing Standard. PRC, §4291 (a)(1)

**Defensible and Reduced Fuel Zone (within 100 feet of all structures or to property line):**

- K. Logs or stumps embedded in the soil must be removed or isolated from structures and other vegetation. PRC, § 4291(a)(1)
- L. Remove all dead or dying brush and trees, and all dead or dying tree branches within 15 feet of the ground. PRC, § 4291(a)(1)



**SOLICITAR LA EXENCIÓN DE LA CUOTA DE LA PREVENCIÓN DE INCENDIOS DEBIDO A LOS DESASTRES NATURALS**

Fecha de Solicitud \_\_\_\_\_

Este formulario es una solicitud de exención de la cuota de Prevención de Incendios de acuerdo al Código de Recursos Públicos.(PRC), § 4213.1 Este formulario completo deberá ser enviada a : **Fire Prevention Fee Service Center, Attn: Exemptions, P.O. Box 2254, Suisun City, CA, 94585.** Si recibe una factura por el Cargo de Prevención de Incendios, y su estructura ya no es habitable y es por causa a un desastre natural, por favor envíe este formulario.Su solicitud será revisada por Cal Fire y la extencion se concederá en su propio caso. Usted no tiene que pagar la cuota por adelantado, pero se recomienda que si se rechaza su solicitud, usted puede imponer intereses y multas. Si no está seguro si usted califica para una exención, se le aconseja que pagar la cuota. Si la solicitud es aprobada, el Consejo Estatal de Impuestos le devolverá la cuota que usted pagó. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta sobre este formulario, por favor llame al Centro de Servicios de Prevención de Incendios a: 1-888-310-6447. **Al firmar, usted certifica bajo pena de perjurio, usted es el dueño de la propiedad descrita en el punto 4 y 4a, y que ha cumplido con la obligación que exige el Código de Recursos Publicos, (PRC) § 4291 para esta propiedad como se describe en la página 2. Por favor llene el siguiente formulario completo**

<b>2. Nombre del Propietario de la Estructura Habitable</b> (vea la página siguiente para la definición de propietario)	<b>3. Numero de teléfono</b>
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<b>4. Dirección Física de la Propiedad</b>	<b>4a. Numero de Parcela o Numero de Etiqueta</b>
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**5. Presente Dirección de Correo**

**6. La fecha del Incidente que causó daños en la estructura**

**Un desastre natural es un evento adverso como consecuencia de procesos naturales de la tierra.**

**6a. Tipo de Incidente (Marque todo lo que aplica)**

Incendios Forestales   
  Terremoto   
  Tsunami   
  Marejada   
  Inundacion   
  Huracan   
  corrimiento de tierras  
 Fuerte Tormenta   
  Tornada   
  Vientos Fuertes  
 Otro (por favor especifique) \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Descripción de los daños** (Por Favor describa por que la estructura no es adecuado por ser habitado, y la duracion del tiempo para reparar)

**8.** Por la presente certifico bajo pena de perjurio bajo las leyes del Estado de California, que todas las acciones para el cumplimiento de el Códijo de Recursos Públicos, (PRC) § 4291 se terminaron alrededor de mi estructura habitable en el año calendario anterior \_\_\_\_\_ en cual tiempo debido a un desastre natural, mi estructura se convirtió inhabitable.

Fecha

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Firma

**Bajo Código Recursos Públicos, (PRC) § 4211 se aplican las siguientes definiciones:**

"El dueño de una estructura" significa que la persona que es el dueño del registro de una estructura habitable en el Asesor de Impuestos del condado o según como se registra en el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo de la Comunidad el 1 de Julio del año Fiscal estatal en que la cuota es debido.

"Estructura Habitable" significa un edificio que contiene una o más unidades de vivienda o que puede ser ocupado para uso residencial. Los edificios ocupados para uso residencial incluyen viviendas unifamiliares, las estructuras de viviendas, casas móviles y prefabricadas, y condominios. Estructuras habitables no incluyen edificios comerciales, industriales, o accesorios, tales como garajes separados, graneros, servicios de saneamiento al aire libre, y cobertizos.

"Persona" significa un individuo, la confianza, compañía de valores colectivos, empresa comercial o corporación, incluyendo, pero no limitado a, una corporación del gobierno, sociedad, sociedad de responsabilidad limitada, o asociación. "Persona", también incluye cualquier ciudad, condado, ciudad y condado, distrito, comisión, el estado o cualquier departamento, agencia o subdivisión política del mismo, cualquier organismo interestatal, y Estados Unidos y sus agencias y instrumentalidades en la medida permitida por ley.

Bajo el Código de Recursos Públicos, (PRC) § 4291, una persona que es el dueño de una estructura habitable debe mantener un espacio defendible mediante la firma y presentación de este documento, usted certifica que todas las acciones siguientes se completaron dentro del año anterior a la estructura de convertirse en inhabitables.

**Defendible Zona Espacial (a menos de 30 pies de todas las estructuras o al limite de la propiedad):**

- A. Quite todas las ramas dentro de diez pies de cualquier enchufe de copa o chimenea. Código de Recursos Públicos, (PRC) § 4291(a)(4)
- B. Quite las hojas, agujas de pino o otra vegetación en los techos, canaletas, terrazas, porches y escaleras. Código de Recursos Públicos, (PRC) § 4291(a)(6)
- C. Retire todos muertos o moribundos árboles, ramas, arbustos o otras plantas a lado a o colgantes a un edificio. Código de Recursos Públicos, (PRC) §4291 (a)(5)
- D. Poda las ramas bajas de los árboles a una altura de 6 a 15 pies (o 1/3 altura de los árboles, para los árboles de menos de 18 pies). Código de Recursos Públicos, (PRC) § 4291(a)(1)
- E. Quite todo el césped, hojas, agujas de pino muertos or moibundos o otra vegetación. Código de Recursos Públicos, (PRC) § 4291(a)(1)
- F. Retire o separe vivo flamable terreno y arbustos Código de Recursos Públicos., (PRC) § 4291(a)(1)

**Rebajado Zona Rebastible (dentro de 30 a 100 pies de todas las estructuras o linea de la propiedad):**

- G. Corte el césped muerto o moribundo a un máximo de 4 pulgadas de altura. Lo que esta recortado puede permanecer en el suelo. Código de Recursos Públicos, (PRC), § 4291(a)(1)
- H. Cubierta viva terreno inflamable menos de 18 pulgadas de altura pueden permanecer, pero los árboles colgantes y adyacentes debe podar hasta una altura de 6 a 15 pies. Código de Recursos Públicos, (PRC) § 4291(a)(1)
- I. Reducir los combustibles de acuerdo con la continua Tope de los árboles estándar. Código de Recursos Públicos, (PRC) § 4291(a)(1)
- J. Reducir los combustibles de acuerdo con él Espacio Horizontal Estándar. Código de Recursos Públicos, (PRC) § 4291(a)(1)

**Defendible y rebajado zona combustible (a 100 pies de todas las estructuras o linea de la propiedad):**

- K. Troncos o tocones incrustados en el suelo deben ser eliminados o aislados de estructuras y otros tipos de vegetación. Código de Recursos Públicos, (PRC), § 4291(a)(1)
- L. Quite toda maleza y los árboles muertos o moribundos, y todas las ramas de árboles muertos or moribundoes dentro de 15 pies del suelo, Código de Recursos Públicos (PRC) § 4291(a)(1)